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SYMPOSIUM SUBMISSION GUIDELINES **DEADLINE AND INSTRUCTIONS**

LatCrit XVI

The Guidelines outlined below are designed to provide all LatCrit XVI registrants and attendees with the necessary information to submit a timely essay for publication in the symposium that will be published based on this Conference. Although we expect program participants to submit symposium essays, **ALL** attendees or registrants are invited to do so; *even if your name does not appear in the Conference program, you are invited to participate in the symposium by submitting an essay inspired by the Conference.*

The LatCrit XIII symposium will be published by the conference co-sponsors, the *California Western Law Review* and *California Western International Law Journal*. This publication follows the previous LatCrit symposia, most of which similarly commemorate and memorialize our gatherings. These symposia also help to nudge along the production of critical knowledge on socio-legal issues of special significance to Latinas/os and other outgroups. To review past symposia, please visit the LatCrit website at www.latcrit.org or see the LatCrit informational CD. We expect the published version of LatCrit XVI will be as powerful as the live version (or more so). Please plan ahead *NOW* to make sure that you will be able to meet the **December 31, 2011 deadline**, which is ample time given the length and nature of the pieces (see below).

Generally, symposium essays are a form of “oral essay” conveying a basic sense of the Conference to those unable to attend. Essays should engage and elaborate upon comments, observations or exchanges occurring during the conference, and may address or extend to any social or legal matters affecting Latina/o or other outsider communities. Due to space limitations, **your essay should be between 20-30 pages in length (double-spaced, including footnotes)**. Footnoting is not at a premium: include footnotes wherever you think they will be useful, but do not feel compelled to footnote extensively. Please format your footnotes according to the latest edition of *The Bluebook*.

Once we have received all timely essays, we will work on creating “clusters” of 3-5 essays, organized around a common theme. These clusters of essays serve as the functional equivalent of program panels. Thus, each cluster will begin with a brief Introduction. In addition, the symposium as a whole will open with a Foreword designed to situate the entire publication within the landscape of critical outsider jurisprudence. Finally, the symposium will conclude with an Afterword that will highlight some particular aspect or concept from that year’s conference and symposium. To become more familiar with the overall structure of the LatCrit symposia, as well as previously published essays, please visit the LatCrit website or the LatCrit informational CD, both of which contain all the past LatCrit symposia.

Once the timely received essays have been organized into thematic clusters, we will submit them as a whole to the law review/s that have agreed to publish the conference proceedings. At that time, the law review editors will make their independent decisions regarding the publication of any particular text or essay. Although we therefore cannot guarantee in advance that every submission will be published, we do endeavor to create a good working relationship with the law review editors and to help them resolve any doubts they may have regarding the publication of any piece. In the past, we have been successful in developing positive working relationships with editors of various journals to rectify perceived problems with any submissions and ensure the publication of all well-crafted essays. We hope and intend the same for this year.

All submissions must be **received** no later than **December 31, 2011** as a Word (MSWord 95 or above) attachment. If you cite materials other than those traditionally used in U.S. legal scholarship, for example economic or international literature, **it is imperative that you retain and provide photocopies of unusual sources**. This advance consideration will help the editors (and us) ensure a smooth and timely publication schedule. We look forward to receiving your timely essay at the end of the fall semester, and hope that the intervening time is both enjoyable and productive!

Please send your submissions as e-mail attachments **to both** Professor SpearIt, Saint Louis University School of Law spearit@slu.edu, and Professor Ernesto Hernández-López, Chapman University School of Law ehernand@chapman.edu .